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### **Residents Take Part in Annual Post-Holiday Recycling Event**

*Christmas trees, cardboard boxes, gift boxes and electronics reused and recycled*

INDIANAPOLIS – For the third year in a row, residents took advantage of the Post-Holiday Recycling Event to recycle and properly dispose of holiday waste and unwanted electronics. SustainIndy, in conjunction with Indy Parks, the Department of Public Works and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, hosted the event at four city park locations today.

“Recycling efforts like this really benefit our community,” said Mayor Greg Ballard. “Not only does recycling help improve our quality of life here in Indianapolis, but taxpayers also save money from reuse options. The mulch generated from the Christmas trees collected today will be used in city parks, trails and playgrounds.”

Christmas trees, cardboard boxes, gift boxes and electronics were accepted at Broad Ripple, Ellenberger, Garfield and Krannert Parks for four hours today. The Christmas trees will be processed into mulch by Indy Parks Forestry staff. The electronics will be separated by hand and then sold or sent to other organizations to be sold as commodities.

“This one-day event is designed to offer residents an environmentally safe way to discard unwanted electronics and to provide a reuse and recycling option for Christmas trees,” said Kären Haley, Director of the Office of Sustainability. “By participating in this event, residents are doing their part to make Indianapolis a cleaner, more sustainable city.”

Mayor Ballard launched SustainIndy and created the Office of Sustainability in October of 2008. SustainIndy is a bold and innovative enterprise aimed at delivering long-term cost savings to the city, building the local economy, improving our quality of life and enhancing our environmental and public health. Its efforts are designed to aggressively move Indianapolis forward in making it one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest.

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